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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 2000 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

D1 35. **(Twice Amended)** An isolated polynucleotide which is at least 70% identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 or its complimentary strand wherein said polynucleotide encodes a ligand of the opioid receptor-like 1 (ORL₁) receptor.

D2 38. **(Twice Amended)** An isolated peptide encoded by an isolated polynucleotide which is at least 70 % identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 or its complimentary strand wherein said polynucleotide encodes a ligand of the opioid receptor-like 1 (ORL₁) receptor.

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